

## TO DECIDE ON SCHOOL ADDITIONS BY MAJORITY VOTE

BOARD HAS SET FRIDAY, APRIL 14 AS DATE FOR ELECTIONS TO DECIDE

In another column of this issue will be found the proceedings of the last regular and a special meeting of the Belding Board of Education wherein they took up the matter of financing the proposed additions to the high school building. After viewing the school conditions in this city for a long time and listening to many suggestions and criticism, the members of the board have finally decided upon an addition to the north and another addition to the south of the present central high school building and in order to go ahead with the matter have decided to hold a special meeting of the qualified electors in this district to vote upon the proposition of issuing bonds with which to pay for the erection of the additions.

On March 23rd, 1920 the voters of the district authorized the board to issue bonds to the extent of \$65,000 for a building in the second ward. At the time the board members were of the opinion that for various reasons, it would be better not to build in the second ward with the money and for that reason the bonds were never issued. Should the voters decide in favor of the \$110,000 proposed issue, it would in reality be voting for only \$45,000 additional and with plans proposed would relieve the congested conditions of the local schools to the benefit of all concerned. The members of the board have had the interests of the community at heart in arriving at their conclusion in favor of the additions to the present building and the general consensus of opinion is that the voters of the district will endorse the proposition to build.

The special meeting and election is to be held in the council room of the city hall, on Friday, April 14, commencing at seven o'clock in the afternoon and closing at seven o'clock in the evening. Ballots can be cast at any time during the hours above mentioned.

It is the duty of each and every person in the district to get out and vote upon the matter of providing more and better school rooms and conditions. Don't fail to read the Board of Education proceedings on page 4 of this issue.

**Another Fire At Orleans**  
A car belonging to Guy Wilbur, Orleans township farmer, caught fire while in the Hoppough garage Monday afternoon and was destroyed. The fire spread to the garage building and it was a only on account of hard work of a volunteer fire department that a serious conflagration was averted. The Ionia fire department was called and answered but the local department was not called nor did they go over to the fire as stated in a Grand Rapids daily of Tuesday.

**Arrested For Vagrancy**  
Deputy Sheriff Murray on Friday arrested Jim Haywood, for ogging and vagrancy and took him before Justice Reed, where he plead guilty to the charge preferred against him. The judge asked Haywood when he had had his last job and the prisoner stated that he had done nothing since January 14, when he held a job at Youngstown, Ohio. Haywood had no money with him to pay a fine and when the Justice told him that his punishment would be a 30 day sentence to the county jail at Lansing, Haywood welcomed it and said that he was satisfied and that it would be for more to his liking than to have to tramp around in such weather as he had been experiencing for the past two or three days.

Mrs. J. C. Wood, of Detroit, is here for a short time, working for the Woman's Benefit Association.

**Notice**  
Beginning Monday, April 3rd, for the benefit of our customers, our office and sheds will open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. including the noon hour from 12 to 1, Belding Lumber Co.

## Coming Events

April 6—Herbert Leon Cope, humorist.  
April 14—Vote on school additions at city hall.  
April 21—High school carnival at High school auditorium.  
Oct. 17-18—Home talent play at Opera House, by Ladies Social Circle of Congregational church.  
Bring in your other dates for the future.

## HERBERT LEON COPE

WILL MAKE YOU

Laugh! Laugh! Laugh!

School Course Church of Christ

Thursday, April 6

Seats at Wortley's, 35c and 50c. No extra charge for reserved seats.

**Cemetery Association To Meet**  
The Otisco Cemetery Association will meet with Mrs. Bert J. Storey Wednesday afternoon, April 12 for the election of officers and the transaction of business. There are important items to come up and every one interested who can, is urged to be there.—Mrs. J. L. Morse.

**Veteran Democrat Dead**  
Salem F. Kennedy, well known locally and postmaster of Lakeview for a number of years past, died at his home in that village last week. Mr. Kennedy was formerly in business at Grattan and taught school in the village in the early days. He was a life long democrat and was the author of many books among them being Kennedy's Tax Tables, now used by assessing officers throughout this state and in many other states.

## LOCAL BOY FIGHTS WAY THRU COLLEGE

An article which recently appeared in an issue of the Des Moines, Iowa, paper referred to a local boy, Ray Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price, of this city, who the article states is fighting his way through college. Ray has a great many friends in this city and we know they will be glad to read the item, which is as follows:

While life is considered a survival of the fittest, Ray Price, 112-pound boxer, a student at Still College of Osteopathy, is carrying this axiom to a successful conclusion by fighting his way through college, via the prize ring.

The youthful battler has appeared in preliminaries here, especially during his first year in school, and last Friday night at Tommy Ryan's fistic entertainment issued a defi to meet any boy of like weight.

Price's tentative retirement from the ring was due to an increase of school work, but now that he is up with his studies he is in training daily. At the time of retirement Price held the amateur flyweight championship of Iowa.

Another student at Still, E. J. Lawder, has taken over the managerial reins of the youthful fighter and intends matching him with some of the good boys in this section of the country.

**Attention Grangers**  
The following is the program for April 8. Roll call; Song by the grange; Topic: Bees, their keeping, swarming and how profitable, led by Mark Brown, followed by discussion; Reading by Mrs. Harrington, topic: Raising chickens, their keeping, what kind is the most profitable on the farm, led by Mrs. M. L. Updike, followed by discussion; Song; Penny March.

**Obituary—Mrs. Marietta Simpson**  
Marietta Curtis was born May 1st 1834 in Oxford county, Ontario. She was the daughter of Ashree and Hanna Curtis. When she was a young woman her parents came to Michigan and settled near Greenville she staying in Canada to care for an invalid aunt. After several years she followed her people here and soon after was united in marriage to Phillip Simpson. She and her husband settled at Trufant where they kept hotel for 20 years. Then after the death of her husband in 1892 she lived alone for a number of years until 8 years ago when her health became so feeble she came to Belding where she has been tenderly cared for by her sister and the last three years by her step-son and wife with whom she lived until the morning of April 1st when she peacefully passed away at the age of 87 years and 11 months. She leaves 2 step-sons, R. N. Simpson, of Hastings, Ont., and Finley Simpson, of this place and 2 sisters, Mrs. Martha Brown, of Fresno, California and Mrs. Katherine Stone, of Belding; also 1 brother, P. F. Curtis, of Belding; and nieces and nephews and hosts of friends to miss her.

She was passionately fond of music and flowers and was a true friend of everyone, always helping when she could. She was converted and baptized in early life and continued all thru the years to live a true Christian life. The last few years her mind has been a little clouded but thru all of the sunshine and shadow of her life she has never forgotten the love of her Savior.

"Passing out of the shadow, into a purer light;  
Stepping behind the curtain, getting a clearer sight;  
Passing out of the shadow, into eternal day."

Why do we call it dying, this sweet going away?"

Mrs. Eugene Brown, a former resident here died at her home near Portland last Friday, of pneumonia. The interment being in the family lot in Green's cemetery. She is survived by her husband and four children, the youngest being only six weeks old. Flora had many loyal friends who are extremely saddened by her sudden death.

**Celebrated 75th Anniversary**  
April 3rd being the 75th birthday anniversary of Mrs. M. A. Godfrey, her children and grand children, together with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beardsley celebrated the occasion with a dinner, Sunday, at her home, 313 Alderman street, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Pond and Mr. Beardsley also. Covers were laid for eighteen guests.

**Lost On Lecture Course**  
The members of the American Legion post sponsored the lyceum course at Portland last winter and when they counted the shekels after the last number and all expenses had been paid, the boys dug down in their jeans and dug up just \$242.90, the amount which they had run behind in bringing something in the line of good, worth while entertainment to the people of Portland. Just why this should be can not be figured out, but it seems that in Portland, like in Belding, the people fail to appreciate and support a good entertainment course and the people who back the course, usually come out the losers.

**To Observe Good Friday**  
At a meeting of the citizens of Ionia, Friday night, a resolution was passed which provided for the closing of all the business places in the county seat between the hours of 12 to 3, on Good Friday, in honor of the three hours in which the Savior hung on the cross. The custom has been growing in late years and each year a number of local business places are closed. It would be but proper to make it general.

## FORMER LOCAL MAN HURT IN ALPENA EXPLOSION

TELEGRAM RECEIVED SAYS  
SKULL IS CRUSHED AND  
CONDITION IS SERIOUS

A telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivenburgh Jr. of E. State street, this morning, stated that their son, Frank Rivenburgh Jr. was in a critical condition in a hospital suffering with a crushed skull, sustained when he was injured in an explosion. The telegram gave no details.

Rivenburgh was a former resident of this city and for a time worked in the local factories. Some time ago he opened a radiator and fender repair shop on Depot street and shortly afterward closed it on account of lack of patronage. He then left for Alpena, where he had secured a position.

The parents are anxiously awaiting further explanations as to their son's injury.

**Baked Goods Sale**  
The North Side Mothers club will hold a baked goods sale, Saturday at the Wick-Fales store, beginning at 10 o'clock.

## PUBLISHERS TO MEET AT EAST LANSING

Publishers of weekly newspapers in Michigan are being urged to attend the meeting, called to convene at the Michigan Agricultural College at East Lansing on the morning of Friday, April 14, which will continue over until Saturday noon of the next day.

The primary purpose of the gathering will be the consideration of a state association of weekly newspaper publishers, a committee having been appointed at the January session to draft a tentative constitution and by-laws, and which will be ready to report at this meeting.

There has never been a satisfactory association in this state, limited to weekly publishers, and so imperative is the need at the present time, there is every indication that the convention next week will see a record attendance.

We have the assurance of S. R. Wilson, of Saline, chairman of the entertainment committee, that G. L. Caswell, field secretary of the Iowa publishers' association will be with us on Friday afternoon, April 14, to talk on the matter of national advertising and how to secure more of it for the weekly publisher. Mr. Caswell's talk alone will more than warrant a trip to Lansing, while the "round table" discussions will be inestimable in the valuable information one can glean from them. By all means let every weekly publisher in Michigan plan on attending this meeting.

Mrs. A. J. Blair, of Wakarusa, Ohio, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Donald B. Cook, of this city, for several weeks, left for her home Thursday noon. She was accompanied by Mrs. Cook, who will visit with her parents for a time. Mr. Cook has resigned his position with the Belding Gas & Oil Company and will soon take up a travelling salesman's position with the states of Ohio and Kentucky as his territory. They have been popular young people here and it is with regret that their many friends learn of their leaving this city.

**Makes Improvement In Office**  
Hats off to our friend and contemporary, Ed. Hellus, who has made quite a change in the office since he became manager of the Herald Publishing Co. A new railing and gate sets things off to perfection besides a coat of white paint, clean windows and other improvements, add much to the cheerfulness of the sanctum sanctorum.

Doris Edwards spent the week end at Remus.

## GRIM REAPER VISITS MANY WITH LAST SUMMONS

WELL KNOWN LOCAL PEOPLE  
SUCCUMB TO DISEASES AND  
ARE LAID TO REST

The Grim Reaper—the old man with the scythe, has been rather active in this city and community during the past week and as a result several of the well known and respected citizens have answered the last summons and have passed on to their eternal rest and reward.

Jacob Wise, aged 90 years, died at the home of his son, Elmer Wise, 513 S. Bridge street, Sunday morning at 6:45 o'clock following an illness of several weeks and which was induced by heart trouble. Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Church officiating and burial was in Wolverton Plains cemetery, by the side of his wife who preceded him in death nearly three years ago.

Mr. Wise was a Civil war veteran having served in Co. K, 65th Illinois Infantry and was a member of Dan S. Root Post, G. A. R., holding the office of color bearer. He was a citizen and a friend of the truest type and to meet him and associate with him was a pleasure to all. One of the greatest delights of his life was a cross country trip which he took with his son and other local people, going from this city to the Pacific coast, two years ago and during the trip showed himself to be one of the most active members of the party, always anxious to have things shaped and going so that others would enjoy life the more. This trait characterized his life from boyhood until his death. The G. A. R., W. R. C. and Sons and Daughters of Veterans attended the funeral in a body, the G. A. R. giving their ritualistic work at the grave.

Another pioneer to pass into eternity during the week was Mrs. Marietta Simpson, aged 88 years, who died at the home of her step-son, Finley Simpson, and wife, on the state road in the west part of the city. Mrs. Simpson and her husband, the late Phillip Simpson, ran the hotel at Trufant in an early day and for twenty years served the public in that way, gaining a host of friends throughout the state. For a number of years she has made her home with her step-son and her death, although looked for, brought deep regret to her many friends. Funeral services were held at the home Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. George E. Osborne officiating and burial was in the Trufant cemetery by the side of her husband.

Mrs. Charles Waite, aged 58 years died at the family home, 316 Leeward street, Monday afternoon, at 2:15 o'clock after being in failing health for the past few months. Death was caused by anemia. Mrs. Waite had been a resident of this city for the past 15 years and was highly respected and loved by the many people who were glad to be numbered among her friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held this Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Rev. H. S. Ellis officiating and the remains were taken to St. Johns and placed in the mausoleum at the place pending the erection of the mausoleum in River Ridge cemetery at this place this summer, after which the body will be brought here and placed in its final resting place.

Surviving are her husband, Chas. Waite, three daughters, Mrs. Theodore Kiskiey, Miss Florence Waite, Mrs. Tom Bracken Jr., two sons, Arthur Waite and Edwin Waite, all of this city. A sister, Mrs. Gordon, of Chicago, also survives.

Clarence Snow, aged 61 years, well known Ionia township farmer, died at his home south east of the city, Sunday afternoon at about four o'clock, following a short illness caused by valvular heart trouble. Funeral services were held from the Orleans church, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. W. A. Bias officiating and burial was in Orleans cemetery.

**Hartman Buried At Old Home**  
Undertaker Bruce Fales took the body of Roy Hartman, the unfortunate local man who suicided recently to Vestaburg, his old home, Friday, where the funeral and burial was held. A brother of the dead man paid the expenses. Only one spray of flowers was brought to the funeral and this cluster had the words "From Mother" accompanying it.

## ENJOYABLE SURPRISE PARTY AT HICKS' HOME

A birthday surprise was the very pleasing event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Hicks, 622 S. Bridge street, on Thursday evening, March 30, that being the anniversary of Mr. Hicks' birthday. It was secretly planned by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Stone, who is here for a visit on her way to California from Pennsylvania, and carried out to conclusion in a delightful way. Mr. Hicks grasped the situation when the guests began to arrive, accepted it good naturedly and gave them a hearty welcome. The company which numbered about thirty enjoyed two or three hours of social greetings and entered into the artist guessing and candy heaving contests uniquely arranged by Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Stone with great enthusiasm. During the luncheon period all had a slice of the birthday cake of finest quality decorated with more than fifty candles. Music and song from the victrola added much to the pleasure of the evening.

**Jerome Hicks Dead**  
Jerome Hicks, aged 80 years, former well known and respected resident of the Brink neighborhood, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harmon Kohler, of Grant, Saturday night following an illness which was caused by heart disease and which has lasted for several years. Funeral services were held this morning from the Church of Christ, Rev. Church officiating and burial was made in River Ridge cemetery. Mr. Hicks was a resident of this community for a long time and he has many friends here who will regret to learn of the passing of their friend.

**Surprised Local Man**  
The friends and neighbors of J. E. Richardson, gathered at his home, 613 Charles street, Friday evening and gave him a good old fashioned surprise party. Among the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Everett, of Grand Rapids; Mr. Richardson was some surprised by, but recovered quickly and made his guests enjoy an evening which they will long remember. The guests presented him with a number of useful and beautiful gifts and at a late hour excellent refreshments were served and the guests departed wishing Mr. Richardson 53 years more of life on top of the 53 which he has already spent here.

**Went To Grant After Body**  
Undertakers Al Cichy and Ben Friedly left early this morning for Grant, to bring back the body of Jerome Hicks, who died there Saturday. The trip was made with the Brown-Hall Co. motor hearse.

## LOCAL THEATER IS TO SCREEN FAMOUS PICTURE

MANAGEMENT PAYS BIG PRICE  
IN ORDER TO SHOW "WAY  
DOWN EAST" HERE

"Way Down East" in the picture spectacle form that D. W. Griffith has built up on the story of the familiar play of the same title will be seen here for the first time on April 23, commencing a special local engagement at the Empress theatre of 3 days.

"Way Down East" had phenomenal runs in New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities. The local engagement will be as nearly an exact duplication of the New York presentation, as the management can make it. A special orchestra will play the accompanying score which is an important feature of the show. The greatest cast ever gathered for a regular stage or screen production is seen in the picture.

It is costing Manager Joslin more to bring this famous picture to this city than any other film ever shown here.

## L. L. E. C. MEMBERS STUDY NEW ZEALAND

At a regular meeting of the Ladies Literary Exchange club, held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Lloyd, March 30th and designated in the club calendar as "New Zealand Day", three very interesting papers were read as follows:

"The Island and Its People", Mrs. M. A. Reed; "Labor conditions and Education", written by Mrs. Hewitt and read by Mrs. Walter Lambertson; "Government and Legislation", Mrs. Schlegel.

The papers were excellent and showed the result of much study on the part of the writers. Miss Marian Cusser favored the club with a piano solo.

The next club meeting will be held at Harmony hall, in the second ward school, April 13th, at 3 o'clock, to which the children of all L. L. E. C. members are cordially invited. Miss Quigley, of the Ryerson library, Grand Rapids, will be present and will tell stories to the children.

Mrs. Nugent Byrnes and son, Martin, of Lowell, returned home on Thursday, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Lena Engemann.

Mrs. D. L. Garfield, of Grand Rapids, was here Thursday, on business.

**The Little Ol' Home Paper**  
When you're feelin' kind o' lonesome  
An' the atmosphere is blue;  
An' life's no bed of roses,  
An' folks seem down on you,  
I know what will make you happy,  
An' chase away the frown—  
Read the little ol' newspaper  
From your ol' home town.  
You won't laugh about the trifflin' things.

The paper has to say,  
For every line's a message  
From the ol' home far away.  
Even Si's new chicken coop  
Will not provide a smile,  
An' the great big city dailies  
Lie unopened all the while.  
Bill's girl has gone to college,  
An' Joe's boy's home from France.  
The Ladies Aid will hold a social,  
An' the Masons give a dance;  
So you read the local happenings,  
An' never miss a line.  
An' cause they're all your neighbors,  
You'll be glad that crops are fine.  
Then before you know it  
You've read it thru and thru—  
An' all the world seems brighter  
An' life seems good to you.  
So for a pill of pleasure  
To chase away the frown,  
Take the little ol' newspaper  
From your ol' home town.  
—Cherry Wilson,  
in Spokesman Review.

**Injured Foot Unloading Ice**  
Monday, while Will Cobb was assisting in delivering ice to the boarding house, he was unfortunate enough to lose control of the tongs and drop the large cake of ice upon his foot. He was taken immediately to the hospital and was given the best of care. The doctors found no broken bones but said that he had received a very bad cut. His friends hope that he will be able to leave the hospital in a few days although it will be some time before he can use his foot again.

## CELEBRATED PIONEER'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

"The mother in her office holds the key of the soul and she it is that stamps the coin of character and makes the being who would be a savage but for her gentle care, a Christian man, then crown her queen of the world," Emerson.

A delightful occasion which has become an annual event with the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Fales was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Smith, 203 E. Liberty St., Sunday, April 2nd. It was the 84th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Smith's mother and it has been decided by her children not to allow that important date in her life history to pass unrecognized. It is seldom that one lives so far past the "allotted age of mankind" and privileged to enjoy in good health the happy reunion of the family at a birthday party.

There were 25 present which included all the children, grand child, great grand children and a brother and sister when the fine birthday cake illuminated with yellow candles graced the center of the table around which all were seated. Mrs. Fales lighting the candles herself.

The garage which adjoins the residence was converted into a banquet hall where the feast was served at one o'clock, tastefully decorated in yellow and white daffodils. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jepson were the table waiters and none of the family were overlooked in attention.

It is a historical fact that all the descendants of the Amos Russell family, grand old pioneer of Otisco township, were good eaters and always had their appetites with them, these later reunions and this one in particular, gave evidence of that saying which has been handed down to this generation.

The birthday party was not a surprise to the mother but in the afternoon and evening when guests to the number of more than sixty old neighbors and friends and long time acquaintances began to drop in to give her a greeting and happy returns of another anniversary she saw that the children had certainly put one over on her. The guests were served with light refreshments during the reception. Mrs. Fales is the daughter of Amos Russell, who settled in Otisco after an ox team journey from the east in 1837 and was the first white child born in the township in a primitive home near the M. A. Filkins place, the event occurring on the first township election day.

Her brother, Eugene Russell, of Luther, 70, and sister, Mrs. M. A. Filkins, 81 were present at this reunion and came in for their share in the festivities of the occasion. Two great grand children, Betty and Dale Jepson, of Grand Rapids, were also present.

Mrs. Fales received many souvenirs from relatives and friends as remembrances of the happy event.

**Ball Players Attention**  
Meet at Legion club rooms at 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, April 6. Tonight.

**Notice**  
Because of the rumors that are afloat, I wish to say that I am a graduate of the Grand Rapids Veterinary College. I graduated in 1906 and was registered by the State Board at Lansing, August 6, 1906.

I practiced in Alto for 7 years, I then went back to my home town, Brooklyn, Mich., where I practiced for 5 years, I then went to Lowell where I practiced one year, after which I gave the work up to do war work. The stories that I was stopped by the State Board while in Big Rapids, from practicing are false. I never tried to take up the work in Big Rapids, the Veterinary there and I were the best of friends. I was called by him in consultation at different times but did no work on my own book, as I was making far more money at other work, but had I wished to take up the work, there wasn't a reason in the world why I couldn't. I have been notified by the chief Veterinary that my name couldn't be found on the records, that a complaint from here had been sent in with a newspaper clipping of my adv. in the Banner.

I wish to say that my name is there, and I have all the papers necessary to prove it.

August F. Sawyer, D. V. S.

The annual charity ball for the benefit of the United Memorial hospital will be held April 7 in the Coliseum at Greenville. Good music. Any dance lovers are cordially invited to this social event of the year. Price \$2.50

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we do amateur finishing and are noted for the excellent results we obtain even from wrongly exposed films. Try us, next time.

THE DENNIS STUDIO

## AGED COUPLE WIN IN SUIT AGAINST SHARPER

MASON COUNTY JURY DECIDED  
FORMER BELDING PEOPLE  
HAD BEEN SWINDLED

A lot of local people will read with interest the following article which we clip from a recent issue of the Hart, (Mich.) Courier, regarding two of our former well known people, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, who up to the time of leaving this city, occupied the premises on south Bridge street where W. E. Smith and family now live.

Sterling, the man with whom Mr. and Mrs. Taylor dealt, is also well known to local people.

The article in the Courier was as follows:  
Last week at Ludington, in the Circuit court there a jury rendered a judgment against Lew Sterling, formerly of Pentwater, but now of Stanton for \$3,300.00 and costs on account of a fraud perpetrated on the plaintiffs in a trade of some real estate.

The facts of the case are interesting. In 1918, Lew Sterling then residing in or near Pentwater, advertised 'splendid farm for sale or trade'. An old couple by the name of Frank Taylor and wife, then living at Belding, saw this advertisement and wrote Mr. Sterling in regard to it. He sent them back a glowing description of this farm, telling them that it was a clay and loam soil, covered with Canadian Blue grass and that it would raise any crops grown in Michigan, in abundance.

The old people were very much impressed with the account of this farm and in February, 1918, came and saw the farm; Mr. Sterling took them around the outside of the farm and again praised up its good qualities and advised the Taylors that the farm was worth at least \$4,500 but that on account of his other business, he would take \$4,200 and would take the home of the old people at \$1,700. The deal was closed on this basis and Taylor and his wife decided to Mr. Sterling their home in Belding and gave back to him a mortgage on the new farm for \$2,500.

When spring opened and the Taylors began to look for their clay and loam soil, it was not to be found but they did find that the farm was covered, not with Canadian Blue grass, but with a most beautiful crop of quack grass and sand bars.

They also found that the soil was of such a light quality that it would blow away in places. They thereupon began a suit against Mr. Sterling for damages. On the trial it was proved that the land was not worth to exceed \$1,200 or \$1,300, and the jury evidently placed the value at the lesser figure for they found a verdict in favor of the Taylors for \$3,000 and \$300 as interest.

This will wipe out the mortgage on the place and will give the old people their farm home free from this mortgage and they can undoubtedly now make a living on this place and take care of themselves.

The court and jury are to be thanked and congratulated on account of this verdict; it is well known that about the blackest mark against this county, has been this kind of practice, where an unscrupulous agent has imposed upon people and sold or traded to them land for several times its value, taking all that the purchaser had and taking back a contract or mortgage for more than the actual value of the lands, and in a short time, the inevitable happened; the purchaser could not pay the encumbrance against the lands and lost them, and we now have in this county, several who have been so defrauded, and who are or soon will become public charges.

**Getting Ice Customers**  
Jennie Hughes and Margaret Wilbur are canvassing the city for D. H. Moore, the Greenville ice dealer who is starting an ice service in this city. Quite a number of people are subscribing to the new service, which Mr. Moore intends starting about Saturday, April 15. For further information regarding the new service, call phone 114.

**O. E. S. Notice**  
The next regular meeting of the O. E. S. will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. This is the annual election of officers. All members are requested to be present.

About the first time we have seen an automobile given away and going to some one who did not have one was when the local Masonic order gave the Ford touring car away at their fair on Monday night of last week, the car going to Enoch Hildebrand, who is now trying to trade it in as the initial payment on a home.

## SEEDS

Some people say  
SEEDS are SEEDS

There is a difference. "Burbank" says quality seeds are as important as the planting.

Our stock this season was grown by the Rice Seed Co. at their seed farm, Grass Lake, Mich.

We have fertilizer for the garden, sheep manure for the lawn, garden tools of all kinds.

The House Of  
QUALITY and SERVICE

The Water-Wise Co.